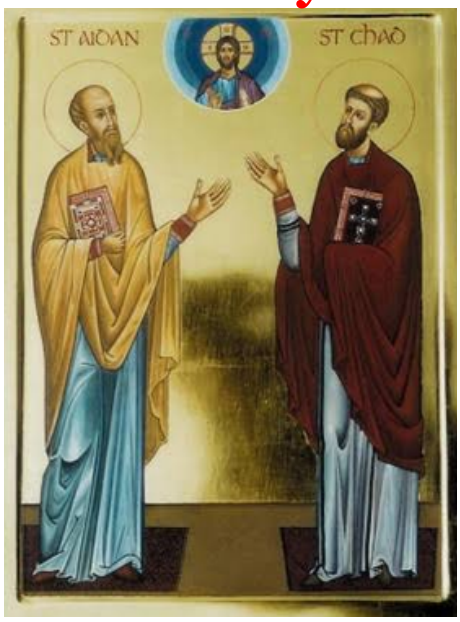
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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year



Ss Chad & Cedd. Founding English Saints

Thirtieth Sunday. Year A. 25th Oct	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Brian Leyland, RIP
Monday 26th Oct: St Chad & St Cedd	9.30am	Eileen & Bob Hornby & Family
Tuesday 27th Oct: Feria	9.30am	Alzheimers sufferers & families
Wed 28th Oct: Ss Simon & Jude	9.30am	Teoddrica Geralde, 11th Anniv
Thurs 29th Oct: Feria	9.30am	Agnes & Stan Skyner
Friday 30th Oct: Feria	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
Saturday 31st Oct: Feria		*Confessions following*
Saturday 24th Oct: Feria		--------
Thirtieth Ninth Sunday. Year A. 25th Oct	8.30am	Laura Troop. Sick
	10.30am	Pro Populorum. *(People of the Parish)*

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

100 Club: Ken Duncan (51). Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

Fr Simon's blog is at offerimus tibidomine (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

Safer Recruitment and DBS Representative:New appointment pending training.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 798.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages.

Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 731.

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE.

On Wednesday the Church honors Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant. They are both listed among the Twelve whom Jesus names Apostles. This Simon is not Simon Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, but rather "Simon the Cananean" (Matthew and Mark) and "Simon the Zealot" (Luke and Acts). Both names mean the same thing. "Cananean" does not refer to the Land of Canaan but is a translation of an Aramaic word meaning "zealous."

It's interesting to note that Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. Perhaps the most stark contrast is found between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector. As a zealot, Simon would have been very committed to his Jewish identity and would have been firmly opposed to Roman oppression and taxation. He would have had an immediate aversion to Matthew, who previously served the Romans by collecting taxes for them from the Jews. The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. Jesus did not have a favorite type of person. He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was not nationalistic in the sense of being a separatist or isolationist. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact. Jesus might have chosen Simon because He wanted to reach out to those who were firmly committed to their Jewish heritage, traditions, and beliefs, and Simon was able to reach those people.

Jude is referred to as "Judas son of James" and "Thaddeus". The only other reference that is certain about Jude comes from John's Gospel during the Last Supper in which Jude is referred to as "Judas, not the Iscariot….".

There is also a reference in two of the Gospels identifying Simon and Jude as Jesus' brothers: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?". However, most scholars today believe these two are not the same as the Apostles but are cousins of Jesus. It was custom at that time to refer to one's cousin as brother or sister.

Regarding their deaths, one of the most common traditions is that Simon and Jude traveled to Persia to preach the Gospel and were both killed there in the year 65. Simon is traditionally believed to have been sawed in half, and Jude is traditionally believed to have been beaten with a club. They often appear in sacred art holding the instruments of their deaths.

St Jude is the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, because he shared a name with Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, Saint Jude's intercession was rarely sought. However, after the intercession of every other Apostle and saint was sought, people in the early Church would turn to Saint Jude as their last hope. There are many ancient traditions holding that Saint Jude has provided many miracles throughout the centuries.

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude,
faithful servant and friend of Jesus,
the Church honors and invokes you
universally as the patron of hope.
Please intercede on my behalf.
Make use of that particular privilege given to you to bring hope, comfort, and help where they are needed most.



Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven as I work with my challenges,
particularly (here make your request).
I praise God with you and all the saints forever.
I promise, blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron,
and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.
Amen.



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Pat Fishwick, Stephen Dilworth.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.

O Mary, conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse thee.

The Parish Centre is open during Sunday Masses, where toilets are easily accessible.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027. We have a group of around 20 interested for a date to be confirmed late September/early October 2027. As soon as flights can be booked, we will move forward with this.

Act of Spiritual Communion. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Spiritual communion is a practice that allows us to connect with God and express our longing for His presence, especially during times when we cannot attend Mass or receive the Eucharist. Many saints have emphasized the importance of this prayer, as it fosters a deep spiritual relationship with Christ & helps maintain one's faith and devotion.

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REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS.

All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. Just come into the Social Centre opposite the church and say hello!





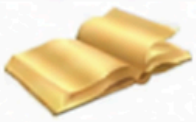
FIRSTSACRAMENTSPREPARATION.

Our next session is on Wednesday 18th 6.30pm—7.30pm. Please email Fr Simon if you are unable to attend that evening.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTENDANCE AT THESE MEETINGS IS A NECESSARY PART OF PREPARATION. IF YOU FIND THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME, IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO DEFER UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

Children are also expected to be attending Mass regularly. It is important that the children are familiar with the form of the Mass, so that they can enjoy the day when they make their First Holy Communion.

Each week please sign the "Golden Book" at the back of church.
'When we live our Faith to the full, Scripture describes us as
"Those whose names are written in the book of life." (Phil 4:3.)
It will be brought up to the altar at the First Communion day next
Easter to represent all our prayers and Masses offered to our Heavenly Father in preparation for that great spiritual event.



Let us pray for the children and their families that it will be a grace filled time to deepen their love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH OR JUST LEARNING MORE?

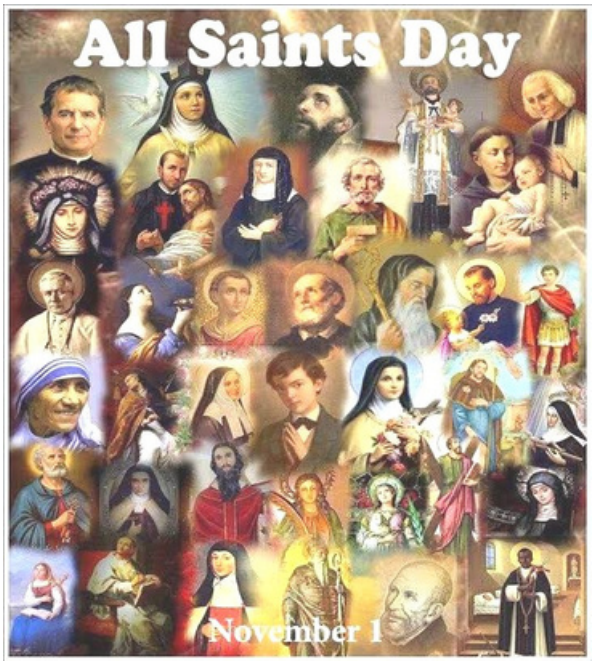
Our next meeting is at 7pm on Monday 26th October.

ALL SOULS DAY Monday 2nd November.
Mass for those who have died at 7pm.



Remembered especially, Parishioners from St Catherine's and St Mary's and deceased members and benefactors of the Order of St Lazarus.
The month of November following All Souls Day is dedicated to praying for those in Purgatory. Each day of November Mass is offered for all those on our Pious List. You can add the names of all those you would like to have these Masses offered for using the lists at the back of church. Simply write the names down and place in the envelope, along with your Mass offering, and returning it to the basket at the back of church.
Praying for those who have died is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy and has it's roots in Jewish tradition. In the Second Book of Maccabees, Judas Maccabeus arranges an offering for fallen soldiers, expressing hope that they might be freed from their sins. The early Christians continued this practice, remembering the departed in their prayers and in the celebration of the Eucharist.

NEXT SUNDAY ALL CHILDREN
are invited to attend the 10.30am
Mass dressed as one the Saints, to process into church and receive a prayer card after-
wards in the Social Centre. Children from St Mary's Primary School will be assisting in the celebration of the Mass too.



It is a great way to allow the children to dress up instead of opting for Halloween costumes. Although All Hallow's Eve is a significant feast in the Church, the common celebration of this in the world around us is now so debased, as to bear no relation to the sacred meaning the Church teaches: that of praying for those who have died who may be in Purgatory and celebrating our eternal life with the Saints. Indeed the specter of ghouls and ghosts, cobwebs and spiders seems to direct attention away from heavenly things to hellish things. Not very wholesome for our children.

We had a great response last year with some very thoughtful costumes: from soldiers to Popes, from Nuns to kings. Plenty to choose from!

CHILDREN, PLEASE ARRIVE 5 MINUTES EARLY AND COME TO THE SACRISTY.

WELCOME TO BISHOP TOM NEYLON AT 10.30 MASS THIS SUNDAY.

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (Latin for "For Church and Pope") is a medal of the Holy See awarded by the Pope to clergy and laypeople for distinguished service to the Catholic Church. Established by Pope Leo XIII and honors individuals who show deep commitment to the Catholic faith and render long or exceptional service to the Church and the papacy. Today Bishop Tom Neylon will bestow the medal on our own Michael Thompson at the 10.30am Mass. Michael moved into the parish 50 years ago this year and has since taken on many roles in the parish and in the local community, so this award recognizes that long service and devotion.
We will also welcome as our guests, our local M.P. The Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle and his wife Catherine Swindley , Lady Hoyle. Also, the Mayor of Chorley, Councilor Debra Platt, as well as members of the Euxton Parish Council. There will be a Reception following in the Social Centre with a buffet Lunch for all who want to come along.
To help facilitate that, please note that there will be no tea & coffee after the 8.30am Mass today.

MASS CARDS:

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for any intention but if you wish to have Mass offered for someone who has died, there are Mass cards in the sacristy at £1 each. These are signed by the priest when you ask for the Mass. Please prepare by writing the Mass Intention on an envelope and enclose your offering.